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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

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Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE SIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR PORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE VE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT DED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. IN THE UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY (1) E SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE NEW OFFICE OF THE RIGHTS. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321

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In Testimony Mercos, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Hant Unriety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand.

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Commissioner Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service

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EXHIBIT A (revised)

Origin and Breeding History of Cebeco 1145 (Toledo) (Plsum sativum L.)

1. Genealogy

Cebeco 1145 (Toledo) is derived form the following crossing:

The pedigree of Toledo is Lu-Y * Solara, as stated in the original application file. Lu-Y is a selection from the Czech Republic which never made it to a commercial available variety.

In 1992 a single plant was selected in the F3, followed by line selection and replicated yield trials.

The breeding process was carried out at our breeding station in Lelystad in the Center of the Netherlands. Our breeding station is situated on 150 ha reclaimed land on heavy clay soil and is equipped with all the necessary facilities including lab facilities and greenhouses.

2. Breeding goals

The breeding goals were:

Generation Criteria for selection

F4 plant selection Straw stiffness

Plant length

F5 line selection

Straw stiffness

Maturity

Resistance to - mildew

- Botrytis

F6 yield trials

Yield

Straw Stiffness

Seed size

F7 yield trials and further Yield

Protein content





Exhibit A-bis, revised

Evidence of Uniformity and Stability of Cebeco 1145 (Toledo) (Pisum sativum L.)

Cebeco 1145 (Toledo) has been tested in official DUS-trials in the Netherlands in the years 1997-1998. Based on the results from these trials the official authorities have concluded the following:

- 1. During the testing years no variants were observed, thus confirming the Uniformity of Cebeco 1145 (Toledo).
- 2. Over the 2 years Cebeco 1145 (Toledo) has shown to be a Stable variety.





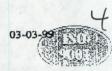


Exhibit B- revised

Statement of Distinctness of of CEBECO 1145 (TOLEDO) (Pisum sativum L.)

Cebeco 1145 (Toledo) has been found Distinct from all other known varieties but is most similar to Solara. However Cebeco 1145 (Toledo) can be distinguished from Solara in the following characteristics:

		Cebeco 1145 (Toledo)	Solara
Chara	cter		
TGW	1993 1994 1995 1996	284 254 277 274	362 302 313 330
Stand	ling ability		
	1993 1994 1995 1996	2.6 3.7 2.6 3.0	4.1 6.1 5.1 5.1
Prote	in content		
	1992 1993 1994 1995	27.1 26.0 26.0 26.2	27.5 26.2 26.4 26.4



2. Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness.

• The protein I am referring to in Exhibit B-revised dd. 03-03-99 is storage protein.

Protein Content of Pea is measured by NIRS at our Laboratory in Lelystad. The equipment used is the Bran & Luebbe InfraLyzer 450 (700-2600 nm), which is a fixed filter machine. For the protein content calibration of Pea, 4 filters are used. The sample used is approx. 10 gr. of Pea meal, grinded on a Retch mill at 0.75 mm. The Control varieties Solara and Baccara are used to correct for year or site interactions. In general the protein content is calculated on the basis of 4 years of result in 3 replications.

Standing ability. The scale used for Standing ability runs from 1 – 9; 1 being 100 % standing upright and 9 being 100 % lodging.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

EXHIBIT (Pea)

GRAIN DIVISION HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782 OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

PEA (PISUM SATIVUM)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	VARIETY NAME OR	TEMPORARY
CEBECO ZADEN BV.	DESIGNATION	TEMPORARY
ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)	CEBECO 1145	(TOLEDO)
POB 10000	FOR OFF	ICIAL USE ONLY
5250 GA Vlijmen - Holland	PVPO NUMBER	9900018
Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character in the boxes below Place a zero in first box (e.s. 089 or 09) when number is either 99 or less	or 9 or less.	
1. TYPE:		
1 - GARDEN 2 - FIELD 3 - EDIBLE-PODDED		
2. MATURITY:		
No. of days to processing		Heat Units
No. of days Earlier than	AS LAXTON WR 3	= LITTLE MARVEL
No. of days Later than	VR 6 = AUSTRIAN	WINTER
3. PLANT HEIGHT:		
8 · 7 cm . HIGH		
Cm. Shorter than	AS LAXTON WR 3	= LITTLE MARVEL
1 4 Cm. Taller than	VR 6 = AUSTRIAN	WINTER 7 = Solar
4. VINE:		
Habit: 1 = DETERMINATE 2 = INDETERMINATE 2 Stockiness: 2	= SLIM (Alaska) 3 = MEDIUM (Thomas La	= HEAVY (Alderman) xton WR)
Branching: 1 = NONE (Alaska) 2 - 1-2 BRANCHES (Little Marvel) 3 = MOR	E THAN 2 BRANCHES	(Dwarf Gray Sugar
2 Internodes: 1 = STRAIGHT 2 = ZIG ZAG 2 3 NUMBER O	FNODES	
5. LEAFLETS: NOT PRESENT		
1 = LIGHT GREEN (Alaska WR) 2 = MED. GREEN (Thomas Laxton WR Color: 4 = OTHER (Specify)	3 = DARK GRE	EN (Alderman)
Wax: 1 = NONE 2 = LIGHT 3 = MEDIUM 4 = HEAVY 1 = NOT MARE	BLED 2 = MARBLE	D (Alaska)
Number of leaflet pairs: 1 = NOT PAIRED 2 = ONE 3 = TWO 4 = T	HREE OR MORE	
6. STIPULES:	THEE ON WORL	
2 1 = LACKING 2 = PRESENT 2 1 = NOT CLASS	PING 2 = CLASPII	NĢ
2 1 = NOT MARBLED 2 = MARBLED X Size (Compared		MALLER 2 = SAME ARGER
X Color (Compared with leaflets): 1 = LIGHTER 2 = SAME 3 = DARKER	LEAFLETS NOT	PRESENT
7. FLOWER COLOR:		
2 VENATION 1 STANDARD 1 WING 6 KEEL $\begin{cases} 1 = W \\ 4 = Pl \\ 6 = O \end{cases}$	HITE 2 = GREENI URPLE 5 = RED THER (Specify) CTE	SH 3 = LAVENDER

8. PODS:	
1 = STRAIGHT 2 = SLIGHTLY CURVE 2 Shape: 3 = CURVED	D End: 1 = POINTED (Alderman) 2 = BLUNT (Alaska)
2 Color: 1 = LIGHT GREEN (Alaska WR) 2 = ME 4 = OTHER (Specify)	DIUM GREEN 3 = DARK GREEN (Alderman)
Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2 = ROUGH	Surface: 1 = SHINY 2 = DULL
1 = SINGLE 2 = DOUBLE 3 = 5 = DOUBLE & TRIPLE 6 = TRIPL	SINGLE AND DOUBLE 4 = SINGLE, DOUBLE, & TRIPEE E 7 = OTHER (Specify)
6 6 CM. LENGTH	1 3 MM. WIDTH (Between sutures) 0 B NO. SEEDS PER POD
9. SEEDS (95-100 Tenderometer):	
Color: 1 = LIGHT GREEN 2 = GREEN	3 = DARK GREEN 4 = OTHER (Specify) light-medium
Seive: % 1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8 AVERAGE
SEEDS (Dry, Mature):	
4 Shape: 1 = FLATTENED 2 = ANGULAR	3 = OVAL 4 = ROUNDED
Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2 = DIMPLED 3 = WRINKLED	Surface: 1 = SHINY 2 = DULL
Color Pattern: 1 = MONOCOLOR 2 = MOT	TLED 3 = STRIPED 4 = DOTTED
4 Primary Color: 1 = CREAMY—WHITE 2 = C 5 = DARK GREEN 6 = BLU	REAM & GREEN 3 = LIGHT GREEN 4 = MEDIUM GREEN E-GREEN 7 = YELLOW 8 = BROWN 9 = RED
Secondary Color: 10 = GRAY 11 = BLACK	
1 = WHITE 2 = TAN 3 = BLACK	Cotyledon Color: 1 = GREEN 2 = YELLOW 3 = ORANG per Latter of 3/3/1999 MAY 7/17/2000
2 8 GRAMS PER 100 SEEDS	
10. DISEASE: (0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)	
2 FUSARIUM WILT race 1	0 NEAR-WILT 1 DOWNY MILDEW
1 ASCOCHYTA BLIGHT race C	1 POWDERY MILDEW 0 BACTERIAL BLIGHT
1 MOSAIC	D PEA ENATION MOSAIC D YELLOW BEAN MOSAIC
OTHER (Specify)	DV-VAL-BABO
11. INSECT: (O= Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)	
APHIDS	OTHER (Specify)
12. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBL	ES THAT SUBMITTED
CHARACTER NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER NAME OF VARIETY
Leafiness	Fresh Seed Color
Leaf Color	Mature Seed Color
Pod Color	Seed Shape
Pod Shape COMMENTS:	Plant Habit

APPENDIX OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY PEA (Pisum sativum)

Variety Name or	Temporary Design	nation:	BECO 1145 (TOLEDO	0)	
LEAFLET CHAI	RACTERISTICS:				
2 Leaflet Type:	1=Leafless 2=Se	emi 3=Normal			
STIPULE CHAR	ACTERISTICS:			21.00 mg - 12.00 mg -	للوارفة أور المستناك المواصفيات فياده المارات الوارث والأوارا
Color: 1=Light-Gree	en 2=Medium-Gree	en 3=Dark-Green	4=Blue-Green 5=1	Yellow-Green 6=Oth	ner
Please provide	e example varieties o	f similar specified colo	r or check varieties a	nd stipule color.	
Variety Name	Stipule Color	Variety Name	Stipule Color	Variety Name	Stipule Color
Solara	3	Montana	2		
Variety Name	Stipule Size	Variety Name	Stipule Size	Variety Name	Stipule Size
r lease provide	e example varieties of	f similar specified size	or check varieties and	d stipule size.	
Montana	Stipule Size	Variety Name Solara	Stipule Size	Variety Name	Stipule Size
THER CHARA	CTERISTICS: 6	USD A WE REC		identification.	



EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of CEBECO 1145 (Toledo), field pea

In our own trials CEBECO 1145 is closest to Solara. Differences are observed using electroforesis.

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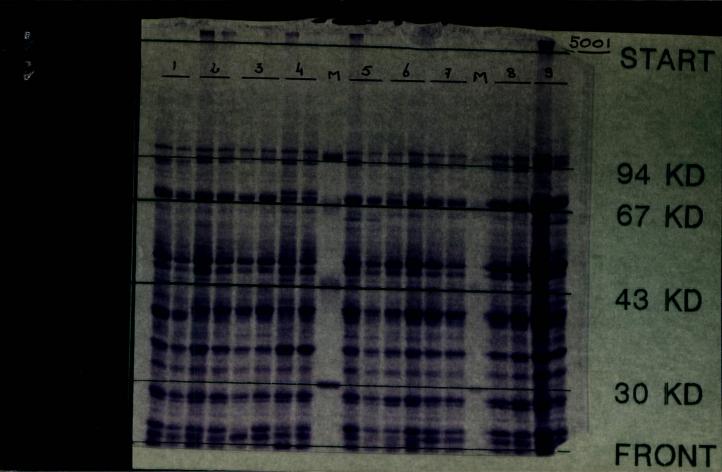
- a copy of the method used;
- a photograph of the gel.

Legenda:

- 1. Carrera
- 2. Cebeco 1141
- 3. Cebeco 1154
- 4. Cebeco 1145
- M. Markers
- 5. Espace
- 6. Astina
- 7. Solara M. Markers
- 8. Renata
- 9. Impala

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Preface

The ISTA Variety Committee was asked to review the "Testing for Genuiness of Cultivar Handbook" that was published a number of years ago and determine if this handbook should be revised. The results of a questionnaire sent to ISTA member stations by Mr. van der Burg and a survey of ISTA Variety Committee members indicated that many new techniques and testing procedures had been developed since the "Testing for Genuiness of Cultivar Handbook" was published. Therefore, the Variety Committee decided that a revision of the existing handbook was appropriate. It was further decided that the revised handbook should have five chapters, with each chapter covering a different approach to variety testing. The chapters are entitled "Rapid Chemical Identification Techniques", "Growth Chamber - Greenhouse Testing Procedures", "Laboratory tests for Variety Determination with Fungal Pathogens". "Electrophoresis Testing" and "New Technologies for Variety Testing".

The development of new testing procedures and techniques is causing variety testing to become more and more specialised with individuals using only one or two testing procedures. It has become apparent that some people may be interested in the information in only one or two of the handbook chapters. Therefore, it was decided that each of the five chapters should be published as a separate handbook and be offered for sale either individually or as a set of five handbooks.

The electrophoretic methods presented in detail in this Handbook are of three types, namely:

Type (S1) - those that are already in the ISTA Rules: Type (S2) - those that have been standardised by the ISTA Electrophoresis Working Group and proposed for incorporation into the Rules;

Type (S3) - those that are undergoing comparative testing by the ISTA Electrophoresis Working Group for the purpose of standardisation.

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The Electrophoresis Working Group considered suitable methods for identifying varieties of peas and ryegrass from the seed. The most widely used and suitable methods were those using SDS-PAGE to analyse 'total' SDS-soluble seed proteins. The method described below is basically a 'Laemmli' system (7), adapted for use with seed proteins. It has been standardised by the Working Group and is proposed for inclusion in the Rules. It can therefore be designated a Type S2 procedure (see Preface).

B. Proposed ISTA Standard Reference Method for the Identification of Varieties of Peas and Ryegrass by SDS-PAGE

B. 1. Principle

Seed proteins are extracted from individual pea seeds or from ryegrass seed meals, treated with SDS and separated using a discontinuous SDS-PAGE procedure. The pattern of protein bands found on the gel is characteristic of a variety.

B. 2. Chemicals

All chemicals should be 'Analytical Reagent' grade or equivalent.

Acrylamide ('specially purified for electrophoresis')
Bisacrylamide ('specially purified for electrophoresis')

Tris (Tris (hydroxymethyl) methylamine)

Glycine

Hydrochloric acid (HCI)

Sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS)

Glycerol

2-mercaptoethanol

Dimethylformamide (DMF)

Ammonium persulphate (APS) (or riboflavin)

TEMED (NNN'N'-tetramethylethylenediamine)

Methanol

Glacial acetic acid

Trichloroacetic acid (TCA)

PAGE Blue G-90 (or PAGE Blue 83). (or any reagent equivalent to the 'Coomassie Brilliant Blue' G or R series

of dyes)

Bromophenol Blue

B. 3. Solutions

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B. 3.1 Stock gel buffer (main or resolving gel)
1M Tris HCl, pH 8.8

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Tris

121.1 g

is dissolved in about 750 ml of distilled water, adjusted to pH 8.8 by adding dropwise

IM HCI

15 ml approx.

(approx 90 ml concentrated

HCI per litre distilled water)

Make up to 1 litre. This can be stored at 4" C.

B. 3.2 Stock gel buffer (stacking gel) 1M Tris HCl. pH 6.8

Tris

30.0 g

is dissolved in about 200 ml of distilled water, adjusted to pH 6.8 by adding dropwise

HCI (concentrated)

8 ml (approx)

then

IM HCI

Make up to 250 ml. This can be stored at 4" C.

B. 3.3 Stock SDS solution

SDS

10 g

is dissolved in distilled water, stirring under gentle heating. Make up to 100 ml.

This should be stored at room temperature - if the SDS comes out of solution, it can be re-dissolved by gentle heating.

B. 3.4 1% ammonium persulphate solution

Ammonium persulphate 0.1g

is dissolved in 10 ml distilled water.

This must be prepared freshly on each occasion, imme-

diately prior to use.

B.3.5 Stock sample extraction buffer solution

Stacking gel buffer (B.3.2)	12.5 ml
Glycerol	20 ml
Distilled water	24.1 ml
SDS	48
Bromophenol blue (optional)	12 mg

Mix and store at room temperature. If the SDS comes out of solution it can be re-dissolved by gentle heating.

B.3.6 Electrophoresis tank buffer (running buffer)

Tris	3.0 g
Glycine	14.1 g
SDS	1.0 g
Distilled water to make up to	11

(It may be necessary to warm the solution gently to dissolve the SDS.)

A sufficient volume to fill the electrophoresis apparatus in use (top and bottom chamber) should be freshly prepared.

B. 3.7 Gel fixing solution

Methanol	400 ml
glacial acetic acid	100 ml

Mix and make up to I litre. About 200 ml is needed per

(Note: it is possible to use TCA at a final concentration of 15-20% (B.3.8) in place of glacial acetic acid.)

B. 3.8 Gel staining solution.

a)	TCA (15% trichloroscetic acid) Water to make up to 2.5 l	375 g	
b)	1% PAGE Blue or equivalent Methanol.	1 g 100 ml	

200 ml of a) plus 10 ml of b) is sufficient for staining I gel.



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B. 4.1 Sample size

For peas, as a guideline it is recommended that 100 individual seeds are used. Very precise estimates of varietal purity may require a larger sample. If a comparison is being made with a standard value, sequential testing using batches of 50 seeds can be undertaken in order to minimise the workload. A simple check on the identity of a single major constituent of a seed for can be done using less than 50 seeds.

For ryegrass, a bulked sample of seeds is analysed. In most cases, whilst this will serve to identify seed lots, it will not permit the detection of admixtures of two or more varieties.

B. 4.2 Peas

Finely ground pea cotyledon material is prepared from individual seeds, using an electric blender. A pestle and mortar (or similar device) can be used if preferred. Diluted sample extraction buffer is prepared by diluting the stock sample extraction buffer (B.3.5) in the following ratio - 17 buffer: 3 mercaptoethanol: 40 distilled water (only make up a volume of the diluted extractant sufficient to be used within a day). The finely ground seed meal is extracted with diluted sample extraction buffer in the ratio 40 mg/1.0 ml, using 1.5 ml polypropylene micro-centrifuge tubes. The samples are left for I hour at room temperature, resuspended using a vortex mixer and heated for 10 minutes in a boiling water bath. (A small slit can be made in the caps of the tubes to prevent a build-up of pressure.) After cooling, the tubes are centrifuged at 18000 x g for 5 minutes and the clarified supernatants used for electrophoresis.

B. 4.3 Ryegrass

Seed meals for analysis are prepared by passing 0.5 g = 2.0 g of seed through a hammer mill. It preferred, a rotor type electric coffee grinder or other blender can be used. Diluted extraction buffer is prepared by diluting the stock sample extraction buffer (B.3.5) in the following ratio = 17 buffer: 6 mercaptoethanol: 10 dimethylformamide: 17 distilled water (only make a volume of this extractant sufficient to be used within a day). The seed meal is extracted with diluted sample extraction buffer in the ratio of 80 mg/1.0 ml and subsequently treated exactly as above (B.4.2).

B. 5. Gel preparation

The clean and dry gel cassettes are assembled according to the type of equipment in use. (Note: if adhesive sealing tape is used in the system it is advisable to prepare the cassettes at least one day in advance to allow the tape to 'age' and adhere more tightly.) Many types of vertical electrophoresis equipment have been found to be suitable. It is strongly recommended that a gel thickness of 1.5 mm or less is used, as this seems to give better results. The following instructions are for the preparation of a 12.5% acrylamide main gel and a 5% stacking gel.

B. 5.1 Main (resolving) gel For 4 slabgels. (180 x 140 x 1.5 mm)

Gel solution 86.25 ml

De-gas in a Buchner flask

	Acrylamide	19.6 g
	BIS	0.26 g
	Distilled water	
	to make up to 90 ml	
	IM Tris pH 8.8 (B.3.1)	56.4 ml
Add		
	1% APS (B.3.4)	3.75 ml

1.5 ml

75 µl

Mix carefully, do not cause 'foaming'. Pour slowly.

10% SDS (B.3.3)

TEMED (full strength)

If appropriate to the type of equipment, a 25 ml disposable syringe and needle can be used to pour the gel mixture into the cassette. The gel should be poured to a height which leaves room for a 3-4 cm layer of stacking gel. The gel surface is carefully overlayed with a 1 cm layer of distilled water (or isopropanol), using a Pasteur pipette or syringe and the gel is then left to polymerise (about 1 hour).

(Note: if de-gassing of the gel mixture is a problem, it is possible to eliminate this step and use a 3-times higher concentration of APS (ie 3.75 ml of a 3% solution [0.3 g dissolved in 10 ml of distilled water])).

B. 5.2 Stacking gel

(For four slabs, as in 8.5.1)

Remove the overlayed water (or isopropanol) from the surface of the main gel (with a Pasteur pipette). Rinse the surface briefly with

Stacking gel stock buffer (B.3.2) diluted 1:8

Drain carefully and dry using filter paper. De-gas (in a Buchner Flask)

Gel solution 67.2 ml

	Acrylamide	1 9
	BIS	0.07 g
	Distilled Water	5
	to make up to 67.2 ml	
	IM Tris buffer pH 6.8 (B.3.2)	10 ml
Add		
	1% APS (B.3.4)	3.0 ml
	10% SD\$ (B.3.3)	0.8 ml
	TEMED (full strength)	80 ш

The stacking gel is poured (using a syringe as before, if appropriate) to the top of the gel cassette and an acrylic well-forming 'comb' is inserted, ensuring that no airbubbles are trapped beneath the 'teeth'. The gel is allowed to polymerise (about 1 hour). Again, de-gassing can be omitted if a higher concentration of APS is used. It is recommended that 3.0 ml of a 2% solution (0.2 g in 10 ml of distilled water) should be sufficient.

As an alternative polymerisation system for the stakking gel, it is possible to use 0.008% riboflavin solution (freshly prepared), in place of APS. Polymerisation should occur if the gels are left in the light, but it may be necessary to use a UV lamp. The precise volume to use should be determined by experimentation, to give a polymerisation time of 30-60 minutes. However, as a guide, about 7.5 ml of riboflavin should be used per 50 ml of stacking gel mixture.

B. 6. Electrophoresis

Remove the acrylic comb from the stacking gel with care, as this gel is rather soft. Wash the resultant wells. Partially fill them with a sufficient volume of tank buffer (B.3.6). The samples are loaded into the wells using a syringe. The gel thickness and the size of the wells largely determine the volume of extract which is loaded. As a guide between 5 and 15 μ l is appropriate in most cases. If required, bromophenol blue (5 μ l of a 1% aqueous solution containing 10% glycerol) can be added to a few wells, to act as a marker (this can also be incorporated into the sample extraction buffer, B. 3.5). If the gel cassette is sealed with adhesive tape, this is removed from the lower (bottom) side only. The wells are filled with tank buffer (as above), taking care not to disturb the samples. The gel

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is placed in the tank and electrophoresis carried out at 25 mA per gel until the tracking dye has migrated through the stacking gel and then at 45mA per gel until the bromophenol blue is at the bottom of the gel. The temperature should be maintained at 15-20° C, if possible, by circulating tap-water (or coolant) through the tank buffer.

B. 7. Fixing and staining

Several different approaches can be used for fixing and staining the proteins. If results are not required very rapidly, then at the end of the electrophoresis, the gel is removed from the tank, taken from the cassette and incubated in fixing solution (B. 3.6), with slow shaking. for at least 1 hour. The gel is rinsed in distilled water (5 mins) and then stained by incubation (at least 2 hours. usually overnight) in gel staining solution (B. 3.7). When properly stained, the gel is rinsed in distilled water for 2-3 hours (TCA can be added if the background is very blue) and then sealed in a polythene bag for examination or photography. Gels can be stored for many months at 4°C, if sealed properly. For more rapid staining, the gel can be fixed and stained at a higher temperature (80° C) in an oven for 30 mins and then, following cooling, destained in a solution containing 10% glacial acetic acid and 35% ethanol for a further 30-60 mins, with shaking.

Typical results produced using this procedure and methods for nomenclature of protein bands are presented in Section 3 of the Handbook. It should be noted that SDS-PAGE has been utilised for variety identification in a wide range of other species including cereals (see references 3.4.15 for further details).

2.6 Standard Procedures for Starch Gel Electro phoresis of Enzymes from Maize (Zea mays L.)

ISTA has not yet carried out any collaborative testing or assessment of methods suitable for maize variety identification. A method for testing hybrid purity in maize. using IEF to analyse zeins, is undergoing a comparative test, with promising initial results (2.7). However, there already exist methods which are so well established and widely used for maize that they can probably be considered as standards. These methods, which utilise starch gel electrophoresis to separate various isozymes from maize coleoptiles, have been well described in an excellent and comprehensive handbook Techniques and Scoring Procedures for Starch Gel Electrophoresis of Enzymes from Maize (Zea mays L.)'. This publication is available from Professor C W Stuber as Technical Bulletin number 286 from the North Carolina Agricultural Research Service. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27695. USA. The methods are also to be included in the AOSA Cultivar Purity Testing Handbook (to be published in 1991).

The starch gel electrophoresis techniques examine a range of enzymes extracted from maize coleoptile tissue. There is information available concerning 21 enzymes (40 loci), separated using one of six recommended gel and buffer systems. The chromosomal location and genetic control of most of the enzymes are well-documented, enabling the gel patterns to be interpreted in genetic terms. For more information, it is recommended that readers contact Prof. Stuber, or a member of the Electrophoresis Working Group such as Mireille Bourgoin or Prof. Miller B. McDonald.

2.7 Method for the Measurement of Hybrid Purity and for Variety Identification of Maize by Ultrathin-layer IEF

This procedure is currently undergoing examination by the Electrophoresis Working Group and hence is designated as a Type S3 method (see Preface) (8).

2.7.1 Principle

The alcohol-soluble proteins (zeins) are extracted from individual seeds and separated by IEF in ultrathin-layer gels. The pattern of protein bands found on the gel is characteristic of a variety or an inbred line. Also, there may be found one or more bands in the male parent, lacking in the female parent and present in the hybrid. These bands could be used as marker bands for the identification of hybrids.

Ultrathin gels are very economical. Gels can be tun at higher voltages with shorter running times and faster staining.

2.7.2 Apparatus and Equipment

The 'Desaphor' electrophoresis apparatus (Desaga) and the Pharmacia-LKB 'Multidrive XL' (3500 V) power supply have been successfully used, but any suitable horizontal electrophoresis system should give comparable results.

2.7.3 Chemicals

All chemicals should be "Analytical Reagent" grade or equivalent.

2-Chloroethanol

Acrylamide (purified)

Bisacrylamide (purified) (BIS)

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